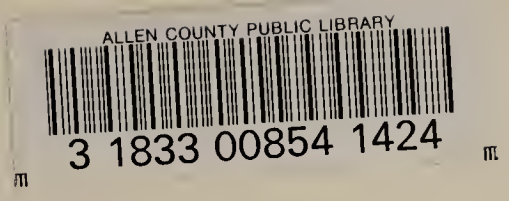




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# Family Record

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BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

By Ernest J. McHarg



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## FOREWORD

**M**Y FATHER, John McHarg Jr., often spoke of his grandparents, mentioning some interesting experiences. When he died he left among his papers a sketch giving some dates and mentioning his grandfather's emigration from Newton Stewart, Scotland. My father's uncle William also compiled a family record, including in it much of the later development of the family. I am printing in full his record for which I am indebted to my cousin Alice (Mrs. Roelif Brinkerhoff Smith) and am also printing a portion of a letter written by my aunt Anna Coffin in which she mentions several interesting incidents in the lives of our early ancestors. I am also including our family tree designed by my daughter Anna, and including information furnished by my cousin Helen Coffin, which traced our ancestry back to 1644. Following these, I bring up to date the record of my grandfather's family, as a tribute to my father's memory and also to that of my grandfather and his descendants.

ERNEST J. MCHARG

*Binghamton, N. Y.  
June 1st, 1933*



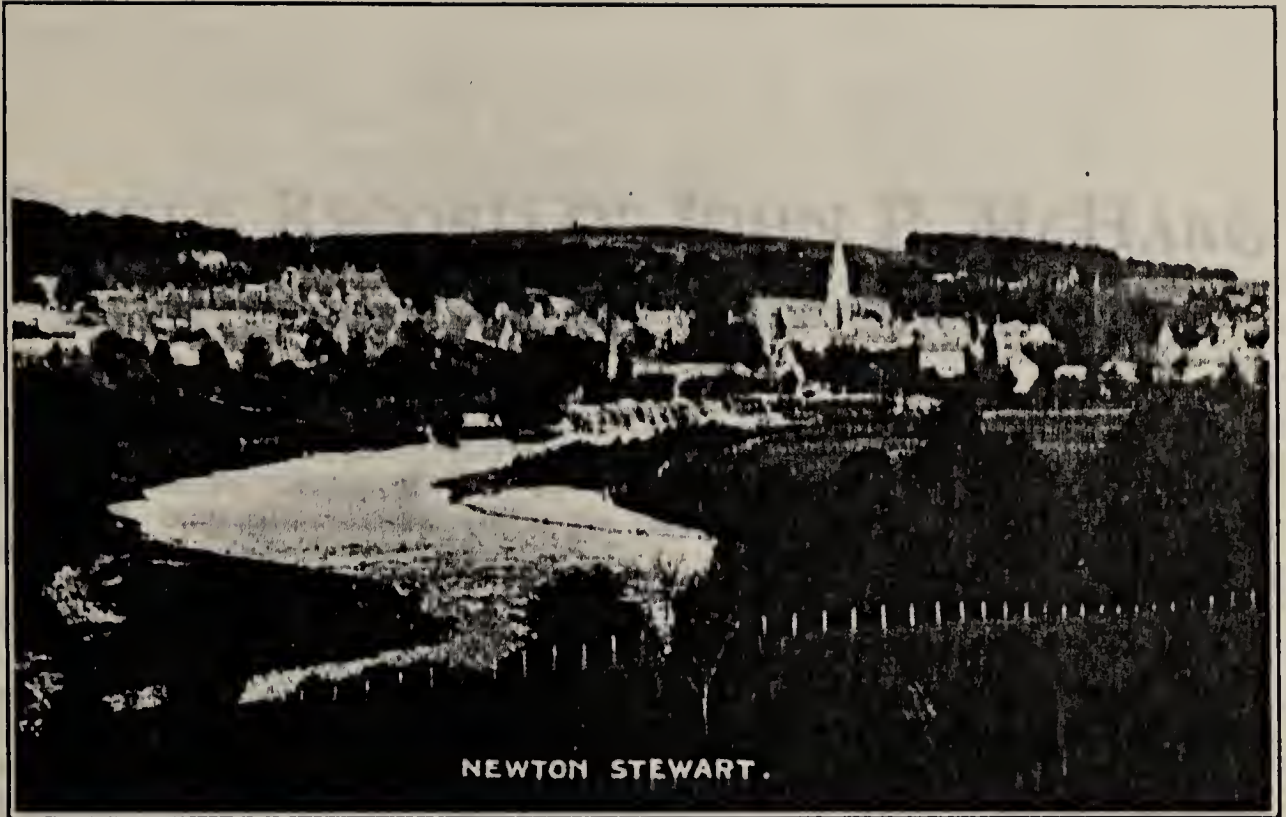
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# FOREWORD

THE EDITOR of this volume has been very much interested in the progress of the study of the history of the English language, and has been particularly struck by the importance of the study of the history of the English language in the history of the English people. He has therefore collected a number of papers on this subject, and has arranged them in this volume. The papers are by some of the most distinguished scholars of the day, and they cover a wide range of subjects, from the history of the English language in general to the history of the English language in particular. The volume is intended to be a contribution to the study of the history of the English language, and it is hoped that it will be found useful and interesting to all who are interested in this subject.

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# FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN P. McHARG

## OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

**M**Y FATHER, Peter McHarg, was the youngest son of Alexander McHarg of the Grange of Cree, on Cree Water, in the Stewartry of Galloway in Scotland, and was born in the year of our Lord 1740, and bred a mason and stone-cutter.

My mother was the daughter of Peter McKie, provost of Newton Stewart, and was born in 1742.

They were married in 1762 and kept a public inn in the town of Cree until the year 1774, at which time they migrated to America and landed in New York on September 2, 1774. After a few days' stay in New York, we sailed up the East River as far as "Number Four." My father purchased new land in the town of Rockingham, built and improved the farm until the summer of 1777, when he sold his farm and crossed the Green Mountains, and hired a farm in the town of Cambridge, N. Y.

A few days after our arrival in Cambridge, we were plundered of all our horses, oxen, cattle and other movable property, by General Burgoyne's army. My father was taken prisoner, but made his escape from them after the engagement of Woohenscock.

In the spring of the year 1779, my father purchased the farm in Bethlehem, which I now possess.

My mother died of consumption in the month of May, 1784, and left my father with the care of eight children—six daughters and two sons—my eldest sister being then married, and my youngest sister only two years old.

My mother was interred in the family burying ground of Mr. Haswell.

My sister Charlotte died of consumption in the month of June, 1786, and was interred by the side of my mother.

My father died on the first of May, 1817, and is interred in our family burying ground, southwest of my dwelling house.

My brother Andrew McHarg died of asthma in October, 1823, in the fifty-seventh year of his age, and lies buried by the side of his father.

At the time of writing this memoir, I have five sisters living, viz:

Margaret	born .....	November 9, 1765
Elizabeth	born .....	May, 1773
Judith	born .....	October 1776
Mary	born .....	April, 1779
Nellie	born .....	February, 1782

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I, John P. McHarg, was born on the 9th day of May, 1770.

Catherine McHarg, daughter of Pryse and Margaret Campbell of Rensselaer, was born the 4th day of December, 1781. We were married the 9th day of January,



1802. We had a son born, and buried in the burying ground of Mr. Haswell, January 1, 1803.

Charlotte McHarg	was born .....	December 17, 1803
Judith McHarg	was born .....	February 13, 1806
Peter McHarg	was born .....	February 1, 1808
John McHarg	was born .....	July 15, 1810
Jeannette McHarg	was born .....	July 24, 1812
Mary McHarg	was born .....	August 30, 1814
Horatio McHarg	was born .....	December 1, 1816
Willam McHarg	was born .....	January 23, 1819
Margaret McHarg	was born .....	May 22, 1821
Andrew and James McHarg	were born .....	August 28, 1824
James	died .....	July 9, 1825
Andrew	died .....	July 25, 1825

They were interred in the family burying ground.

My wife being a member of the church of Bethlehem, my children were baptised in that church and their names registered in said church book, excepting my son Horatio, who was baptised by Rev. Thomas Haliday of New Scotland at a time when the church at Bethlehem was without a pastor.

(Signed) JOHN P. MCHARG

*Bethlehem, August 15, 1825*

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*The following was compiled and written about 1898 by*

WILLIAM MCHARG

*who died June 6, 1905, age 86 years.*

For over seven years my father, John P. McHarg, wrote a record of his family in the family Bible now in my possession.

It has seemed to me to be my duty as sole survivor of his children to continue that record, and to trace the history of his descendants to the present time, with a brief reference to the history of the family homestead where he lived and died.

He died ..... February 5, 1830

My mother survived him over 28 years, dying May 4, 1858. They were interred in the family burying ground on the homestead, but when my brother sold the last of the homestead, including the Burial Ground, their remains, with the headstones, were removed to a lot purchased by him in the cemetery at Delmar.

By the will of my father, the Homestead, consisting of 226 acres of land, was devised to my brothers Peter and John. In the year 1835 they made a division of the farm between them, Peter taking 100 acres on the easterly side of the farm, and John the westerly side, 126 acres, with the dwelling house and farm buildings.

In 1839 Peter exchanged his portion with my brother-in-law, Adam Haliday, for his undivided half of a farm of about 180 acres purchased by him and my mother in the spring of 1838, situated on the Normans Kill, in the town of New Scotland, and moved to that place.

In 1845 Adam Haliday sold the land he got of my brother Peter to George A. Legget, and so that place passed out of the family.



My mother and Peter occupied and worked the place on the Normans Kill together until 1848, when a division was made thereof, Peter taking 92 acres, and mother 87 acres with buildings. Peter built upon his portion and lived there until 1863, when he conveyed this farm to Andrew in the spring of the year 1871, and the same is now in possession of Andrew's widow.

Upon the sale of this farm Peter removed to Vineland, New Jersey and afterwards to Atco, New Jersey where he died.

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*PETER McHARG AND MARY ANN McHARG, HIS WIFE*

Peter McHarg, born February 1, 1808, married Mary Ann, a daughter of William Haswell of Bethlehem, February 28, 1838. He died at Atco October 3, 1873. His wife died at the same place December 15, 1891.

They had five children, viz:

Andrew	born .....	January 30, 1839
Mary	born .....	February 22, 1840
Margaret	born .....	September 21, 1845
Fanny	born .....	September 4, 1847
Charles	born .....	April 14, 1853

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ANDREW married Ellen Fryer, daughter of Abraham Fryer of Bethlehem, October 10, 1860. He left four children as follows:

Alva J.	born .....	August 5, 1862
Welton A.	born .....	August 15, 1866
Lemira E.	born .....	October 16, 1868
Walter A.	born .....	March 27, 1871

The daughter LEMIRA, married Edward McC. Blessing, a son of John L. Blessing of Bethlehem, March 26, 1890. They have one child, Harold J., born September 25, 1891.

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Peter's daughter, MARY, married Thomas Moat of Bethlehem May 4, 1864. This Thomas Moat worked a farm for a few years in Montgomery County, N. Y., and then removed with his family to Lenox, Mass. where his wife died December 15, 1873. She left three children, viz:

William Wallace	born .....	February 28, 1865
Helen Mary	born .....	November 16, 1866
Bertha Adelaid	born .....	March 12, 1872

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Peter's daughter, FANNY, married John Wilcox July 2, 1872. She had three children, viz:

Henry E.	born .....	February 24, 1873
Andrew Russell	born .....	November 16, 1875
Horace G.	born .....	February 28, 1877

John Wilcox was for some years engaged in the manufacture of glass. He sold out his business and went to the state of Ohio and engaged in the manufacture of glass there.

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Upon the division of my father's farm, the house in which I was born, with 126 acres of land, was set off to my brother John, born July 15, 1810.





The Homestead of John and Ann Van Allen McHarg, and birthplace of their children, at Bethlehem Center, as it appears in 1933.

After some years the old dwelling house was built over somewhat, and still remains in good condition. In 1863, John purchased from Jas. Schoomaker 11 acres of land adjoining his land on the south and in 1874 he conveyed this lot with a portion of the home farm, in all about 39 acres, to his son Albert.

In 1875, John sold the main body of the homestead to Chauncy Hoteling, reserving a lot of about 28 acres. Upon this he erected a new and neat dwelling and convenient out-buildings, planted fruit and ornamental trees and improved the place, and lived there until his death. In 1893, his executors sold this place to Henry B. Moak, and in the fall of 1894 his son Albert McHarg, sold the place conveyed to him by his father to William Blodget; and by this sale the last acre of the family homestead passed out of the family name, having remained therein for one hundred and fifteen years.

#### *JOHN McHARG AND ANN VAN ALLEN McHARG, HIS WIFE*

My brother John was a very efficient, intelligent, and skillful farmer, and an excellent business man. He took much interests in educational matters and was for many years a trustee of his school district. He also served efficiently as supervisor of his town, but political life had no charms for him, and he steadfastly declined public offices after a brief experience. In early life he united with the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, under the ministry of Rev. Samuel Kissam, and continued a member until the year 1849, when he transferred his church relations to the pastorate of Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., his brother-in-law; and continued his membership there until his death, serving as an officer of the church all the period since he united with the church. My brother married Ann, a daughter of Garret Van Allen of Bethlehem, June 11, 1834. He died May 1, 1891. His widow died April 21, 1896.



# DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND ANN McHARG

There were born to them seven children, viz:

John Jr.	born .....	May 11, 1835
Garret Van Allen	born .....	December 12, 1838
Mariah Louise	born .....	January 14, 1841
Albert	born .....	September 1, 1844
Anna	born .....	June 6, 1846
Mary	born .....	November 19, 1848
William Jay	born .....	April 26, 1856

Mariah Louise died September 7, 1843.

JOHN McHarg Jr. married Ann Bennett, a daughter of William Bennett, a farmer, February 24, 1864. In 1867 he settled at Schenevus, Otsego County, N. Y., and engaged in mercantile business. In 1893 he removed to Binghamton, N. Y. where he now resides. He has three children, viz:

Abbie C.	born .....	February 16, 1865
Ernest J.	born .....	January 2, 1868
Leslie	born .....	March 19, 1877

ABBIE C., John's daughter, married Lester Horton Quackenbush September 21, 1892. He is now a practicing physician at Binghamton.

ERNEST J., his eldest son, is cashier of the American Express Co. at the same place.

LESLIE, his youngest son, has just entered Cornell University as a student.

GARRET VAN ALLEN McHarg married Helen Kimmey Blessing, a daughter of John Blessing, late of Albany, October 11, 1865. He was for a number of years chief clerk and bookkeeper for James Hendrick, general insurance agent in Albany. He died of consumption August 10, 1871. He left two children, viz:

Clara	born .....	May 13, 1867
Arthur Van Allen	born .....	June 6, 1870

ARTHUR McHarg is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, and is now in the employ of the Albany Perforated Wrapping Paper Co. of Albany.

Garret Van Allen McHarg's widow is now living with her children at No. 339 State Street, Albany, N. Y.

ALBERT McHarg married Alice Louise, daughter of Artist Asa Weston Twitchell of Albany, April 16, 1872. They have three children, viz:

Bertha	born .....	August 19, 1872
Alice	born .....	August 8, 1876
Grace	born .....	September 8, 1878

They had a son who was born and died August 29, 1873.

Albert McHarg is now living in Albany, engaged in the grocery business in that place. He is an elder of the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

ANNA McHarg, John's eldest daughter, married William Coffin, February 28, 1872. He died February 25, 1896. They have three children, viz:

Edwin Tristram	born .....	December 28, 1873
William Jay	born .....	December 21, 1875
Helen	born .....	June 26, 1884

They had one other child, John McHarg Coffin, born September 26, 1879, but who died February 5, 1881.

EDWIN TRISTRAM, the eldest son, was for two years a clerk in the First National Bank of Albany, and is now employed by W. M. Whitney.

WILLIAM JAY is a student at Cornell University.



MARY, the youngest daughter, married Horace S. Bell, April 16, 1872. They have three children, viz:

Jessie E.	born .....	October 10, 1876
Horace S. Jr.	born .....	July 25, 1879
Mildred F.	born .....	December 11, 1884

William L. Coffin and Horace S. Bell were for 29 years partners in business in groceries, flour and feed at No. 168 S. Pearl Street, Albany, N. Y.

Anna and her husband were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany for over twenty years, and he was an elder in that church when he died.

Mary and her husband are members of the Second Reformed Church of Albany, N. Y.

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WILLIAM JAY McHarg was married to Ada Sawyer, July 4, 1878. He was for a number of years a bookkeeper for a large wholesale hardware house in New York, but failing health compelled him to give up his place. He went to Colorado in hope that he might regain his health, but died there January 29, 1883. He left no children.

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#### CHARLOTTE McHARG

My eldest sister, CHARLOTTE, was born December 17, 1803, married Reuben Wooster (formerly a merchant of the town of Westerlo, Albany County) in the year 1846.

During the official term of R. S. Lay as County Clerk of Albany County, they lived in Albany where he was employed as a copyist in the County Clerk's office. They subsequently returned to South Westerlo where he died, April 2, 1881.

After the death of her husband, my sister came to Albany, living with my sister Jeanette, and then with me until she died, September 20, 1888. Her remains are interred in my lot in the Albany Rural Cemetery. She left no descendants.

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#### JUDITH McHARG AND FAMILY

JUDITH McHarg, born February 13, 1806, married Adam Haliday, a son of the Rev. Thomas Haliday of New Scotland, May 28, 1831. He was a farmer, and in 1838, in connection with his mother, purchased a farm in New Scotland, Albany County, N. Y. In 1839 he exchanged his interest in that farm for the farm of my brother Peter, in Bethlehem, and lived there until he sold that farm to George A. Legget, and removed to the state of Wisconsin in the year 1845. He settled in a township which, at his suggestion was named Eden. He was one of the first settlers in the town and his daughter Julia A. was the first female child born to the early settlers of the town. When he took up his land there was no grist mill nearer than Milwaukee, some sixty miles distant; and at times the bread used by the family was made from wheat ground in a coffee mill.

After some years of residence in Eden, Adam Haliday sold his land on which he first located, and purchased land in the township of Lamartine, and lived there until his death, April 1866.

After his death his widow moved to Fondulac and resided there until her death, June 15, 1891. She had nine children, viz:

John McHarg	born .....	February 25, 1831
Elizabeth	born .....	March 1, 1833
Thomas	born .....	July 12, 1835
William James	born .....	April 12, 1837
Catherine Campbell	born .....	August 13, 1839



Charlotte	born .....	September 12, 1841
Adam	born .....	December 27, 1843
Julia	born .....	About 1846
Augustus	born .....	August 23, 1848

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#### DESCENDANTS OF JUDITH AND ADAM HALIDAY

JOHN McHarg removed to California in 1850—located at San Francisco, but afterward removed to East Oakland. He kept a harness and trunk store for a time, and was also engaged in the manufacture and sale of gloves and acquired a reasonable competence. He died December 15, 1893. He was married but left no children.

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ELIZABETH died in 1856. She was never married.

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THOMAS married Wealthy Hubbell December 4, 1860, and in 1862 removed to Minnesota, settled near Kasson, and in 1864 migrated to Redlands, California, where he died in 1890. He had five children, viz:

Clara	born .....	1861
Ulyses G.	born .....	1863
Schuyler	born .....	1871
Albert	born .....	1873
Catherine	born .....	1875

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#### DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS HALIDAY

ULYSES G. lives at Doges Center, Minn., near Kasson, and is engaged in the grocery business. He married Maddie Hitchcock in 1888 and has one child, Carrol, born in 1893. His wife is president of the W. C T. U. in her county.

SCHUYLER married in 1886 and resides at Redlands, Cal.

CATHERINE resides at the same place with her mother.

ALBERT married Inez Weaver in 1894. He resides near Brandon, Wis.

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WILLIAM JAMES married Ellen Richards in 1874. He resides at Fondulac, Wis. and has no children.

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CATHERINE married Calvin Hemingway December 4, 1861. She resides at Kasson, Minn, and has five children, viz:

Elmer E.	born .....	1862
Died—1863		
Cora	born .....	1863
Anna and Elmer (twins)	born .....	1868
Anna died—1882		
Porter	born .....	1873

CORA Hemingway married Frederick Kimball March 24, 1886. He is a carpenter. They have two children, viz:

Daniel	born .....	1887
Esther	born .....	1893

Mr. and Mrs. Kimball reside at LaGrange, a suburb of Chicago, Ill.

ELMER Hemingway resides also at LaGrange. He was married in 1894 and has one child.

PORTER Hemingway resides with his father and was married to Mary Benton, March 24, 1896.



CHARLOTTE Haliday married John P. Steele in the year 1860. She died in 1879. Had seven children, viz:

Elmer E.	born .....	1861
John	born .....	1863
Caroline	born .....	1865
Arthur	born .....	1867
Charlotte	born .....	1869
Anna	born .....	1873
Harry	born .....	1877

The family reside at Eldorado Mills, Fondulac, Wis.

ADAM Haliday married Kate Wood. He is now, or was lately, living at Chase, Rice County, Kansas. He is married and has one child, Eulalie.

AUGUSTUS Haliday resides at Fondulac, Wis. He is a traveling salesman, is married and has four children, viz:

Mary Augusta	born .....	1888
Inez and Ira (twins)	born .....	1890
Minnie	born .....	1892

JULIA Haliday resides at Kasson, Minn., and is unmarried.

#### *JEANETTE McHARG AND FAMILY*

My sister JEANETTE, born July 24, 1812, married Robert Martin, a farmer of Argyle, Washington County, N. Y. January 24, 1829. He was a brother of Rev. James Martin, formerly pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Albany, and of David Martin of the same place. He died in the spring of 1861 and his wife died June 21, 1893. They left five children, viz:

Charlotte	born .....	December 23, 1839
Jane	born .....	July 24, 1841
Helen	born .....	December 17, 1842
James	born .....	April 2, 1846
Anne	born .....	June 1, 1849

CHARLOTTE and JANE are unmarried and reside at 193 Lancaster Street, Albany, N. Y.

HELEN married William Jones of Albany, August 22, 1867. He died August 10, 1880, leaving one child, viz:

Frank M.	born .....	November 24, 1870
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The widow of William Jones is living at 189 Lancaster Street, and her son, Frank is connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York at that city.

JAMES Martin married Josephine O'Neil, May 20, 1875. She died May 17, 1890 leaving four children, viz:

Richard V.	born .....	February 8, 1876
Helen	born .....	November 5, 1878
Robert J.	born .....	June 23, 1884
Raymond C.	born .....	December 10, 1888

James Martin enlisted in the Civil War and served in the Union Army, and receives a pension in consequence of wounds received in service. He is now, and has been for several years, an engineer in the employ of the Delaware and Hudson R. R. Company.



ANNE Martin married Richard V. Stevens of Albany, October 24, 1882, They have five children, viz:

Alice	born .....	September 12, 1883
Edmund	born .....	May 22, 1886
Helen	born .....	November 1, 1888
Mina	born .....	December 15, 1889
Janet	born .....	December 16, 1890

Richard V. Stevens is a bookkeeper and salesman for the Oak Leather Co. of Boston and resides at 31 Pleasant Street, Hyde Park, Mass.

#### *MARY McHARG AND FAMILY*

My sister MARY, born August 30, 1814, was married by Rev. Samuel Kissam to Abraham V. LaGrange, a farmer in the town of New Scotland, October 13, 1835. After the year 1837 he removed to the state of Wisconsin and there engaged in mercantile business at Brotherton, until his death December 14, 1862. His wife died September 17, 1884. They had seven children, viz:

Mariah	born .....	February 18, 1837
Susan	born .....	July 13, 1839
Norman	born .....	May 16, 1841
He died—October 25, 1842.		
Norman	born .....	October 14, 1843
He also died—October 11, 1844.		
Cristiana	born .....	October 11, 1845
Isaac	born .....	January 17, 1848
He died—February 24, 1859.		

Catherine	born .....	July 22, 1852
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The daughter MARIAH, married Peter Vandervost, July 19, 1860. They had nine children, viz:

Abraham L.	born .....	April 28, 1861
Mary Ellen	born .....	February 16, 1863
She died—August, 1879.		
Peter	born .....	March 15, 1865
Michael	born .....	July 14, 1868
He died—March 24, 1871.		
Effie	born .....	September 9, 1870
Cornelius	born .....	November 24, 1872
Christie	born .....	July 13, 1874
Henry	born .....	1876
Frank	born .....	1878

Mary's second daughter SUSAN, married Lowell M. Traffle, June 30, 1870. She died August 6, 1891. They have one son, Archie L. Traffle, born June 10, 1871.

The daughter CATHERINE married Frank Stage in 1882. They have four children, viz:

Effie	born .....	March 21, 1883
Lois	born .....	July 6, 1886
Inez	born .....	December 15, 1887
Louis	born .....	September 6, 1893
He died—October, 1893.		

Mary's daughter CRISTIANA is now living at Fondulac, Wis.



### *HORATIO McHARG AND FAMILY*

My brother HORATIO, born December 1, 1816, remained with mother on her farm until the spring of 1848, when she conveyed it to him, and he lived there until his death, April 10, 1886. He married Agnes, a daughter of Simon Veeder of Guilderland, January 12, 1848. They had six children, viz:

John Veeder	born .....	December 7, 1848
Simon	born .....	October 13, 1851
Horatio Nelson	born .....	September 23, 1854
Abraham	born .....	August 19, 1857
Margaret	born .....	May 7, 1860
Martin	born .....	August 15, 1862

The daughter MARGARET died December 4, 1860, and one son, SIMON, died April 14, 1878.

Horatio was at the time of his death, and for many years had been, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem.

JOHN VEEDER McHarg married Susannah, a daughter of William M. Bullock of Bethlehem, June 17, 1875. They have one child, Helen Bullock, born August 24, 1888. John is an insurance agent at Albany, N. Y.

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HORATIO NELSON McHarg married Mina Herrington of Duluth, Minn., March 17, 1890. They reside at that place.

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ABRAHAM McHarg married Estella Foldan December 29, 1886.

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MARTIN McHarg married Minnetta Crouse, a daughter of Benjamin Crouse of Altamont, Albany County, N. Y. They have one child, Allen, born April 1, 1892. Martin is a practicing physician and surgeon, residing at Madison Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

### *WILLIAM McHARG AND FAMILY*

After the death of my father and the purchase of the farm by my mother and brother-in-law, Adam Haliday, I lived with her, assisting in the work of the farm more or less until I entered Union College in the fall of 1838. I had in the meantime, attended several terms in the Albany Academy, and had also taught several district schools. I cannot state definitely when I first taught a district school, but I must have been quite young, as I taught for several winters and in several places before the commencement of my college course. I remember teaching school at Feura Bush, Adams Station (now Delmar) at Guilderland (then called Glasshouse), and in the district in Bethlehem, where I had been a pupil. And in my junior year at college, I was one winter a tutor in the family of a Mr. DePuyster of New York, then residing near Hudson, Columbia County, N. Y. Graduating at Union in 1842, and having not yet chosen a profession, I taught a district school the winter of 1842-43 at Beacon Hill, Saratoga County, N. Y. In the spring of 1843 I commenced the study of law with the Hon. James Gibson of Salem, Washington County, N. Y., in the office formerly occupied by Samuel and Cyrus Stevens, then distinguished members of the Bar at Albany. A vacancy occurring in the principalship of the Washington Academy, shortly after my going to Salem, I applied for, and secured the position. My assistant teacher in the Female Department was my present wife, who had just been graduated from Argyle Academy, in that county.



I resigned the charge in the fall of 1845 and came back to complete my preparation for admission to the Bar; and was admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counsellor at Law at the General Term of the Supreme Court of New York, held in the City of New York May 15, 1846. After acting as clerk in the lawyer's office for three years, I began the practice of my profession on my own account, and have continued to do so until the present time. In that practice I have had several partners at times—the longest and most satisfactory of these partnerships, being with James Callanan, now of Des Moines, Iowa, commencing in 1853 and continuing until his removal to Iowa, in the spring of 1863.

Although always interested in the political questions of the times, I have not been much of an office seeker or office holder. I served two years or more as a Justice of the Justices' Court of Albany—one year as Supervisor of the then Sixth Ward of Albany—and seven years as a member of the Board of Public Instruction of the city. While a member of that body, and one of the Law Committee appointed by it, I drafted the report in pursuance of which the Board established the Free Academy, now known as the Albany High School, one of the most popular and successful institutions of the kind in the state.

I married Francis A. Hamlin, the youngest daughter of Micah Hamlin, deceased, of Argyle, Washington County, N. Y., May 24, 1849.

Our marriage took place at the residence of my wife's brother-in-law, Archibald M. Rowan, of the village of Argyle. The Rev. George Mairs, then the minister of the United Presbyterian Church of that village, being the officiating clergyman. We had four children, viz:

William Hamlin	born .....	June 16, 1851
Augustus Carl	born .....	August 3, 1853
Carolyn	born .....	March 24, 1857
Helen C.	born .....	April 25, 1861

William Hamlin McHarg died February 2, 1857.

Augustus McHarg died May 10, 1855.

They were interred in the family burying ground in Bethlehem, but their remains have been taken up and interred in my lot in the Albany Rural Cemetery.

My daughter CAROLIN married Frederick LeRoy Smith of Brooklyn, January 6, 1885. They have three children, viz:

Helen Francis	born .....	March 29, 1886
Frederick LeRoy Jr.	born .....	June 20, 1889
Howard Taylor	born .....	April 25, 1891

My other daughter, HELEN C., married Hugo Reid, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, then residing in Hadenville, Mass., October 10, 1883. They have two children, viz:

William Thyne	born .....	June 30, 1884
Helen Hamlin	born .....	August 17, 1886

Both of my daughters are living at Montclair, N. J..

Carolyn's husband is a member of the firm of Lewis, Kaiser & Luthy, importers of diamonds and manufacturers of mountings, at 35 Ann Street, New York; and Helen's husband is president of the Trinidad Asphalt Refining Co., with offices at 50 Wall Street, New York, and a refining plant at Jones Point, on the Jersey side of the Hudson River.

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#### MARGARET

My youngest sister, MARGARET, born May 22, 1822, married Martin Flynn, in the year 1850. He was born in Ireland and came to this country when he was about



21 years old. He was for a number of years a captain of a barge running on the Hudson River between Albany and New York. He afterwards went to California, and engaged in running a steamer on the Bay of San Francisco and Sacramento River. After the death of my mother, my sister went with her husband to California, resided for several years in San Francisco, and after ceasing the boating business; they moved to a ranch near Antioch, in that state, where he died November 20, 1888, in the eighty-first year of his age. After the death of her husband, she removed to Stockton, Cal., where she died November 7, 1893. They have one child, Robert Emet Flynn, born in the year 1851.

*Signed, WILLIAM MCHARG, 1898*

## *Excerpts from a Letter Written by My Aunt in Hartford*

My dear Ernest:

March 9, 1925.

I am very sorry to have caused you any delay in compiling your family history. We have a copy of the record made by Uncle William, it is the same as the one Alice sent you.

I know very little of my Grandfather McHarg. He died before I was born. But I remember my grandmother. About my great-grandfather, I know very little. As you read in the Record, he was captured by Burgoyne's Army and held prisoner for some time. His wife and little children were without a protector on the farm at Cambridge. One day they were raided by the Indians, who ransacked the house of food and whatever else they wanted. Grandmother sitting helpless before the fire with her little brood gathered around her. The Indians made signs of scalping her if she resisted. They drove off her cattle, but did her no harm personally. For this part of their history their descendants are eligible for membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Peter McHarg, my great-grandfather was a stone-mason in Scotland, and his wife was above him in social rank, her father being provost of Newton Stewart, equivalent of mayor. The family disowned her for marrying beneath her rank, and this had something to do with their migration to America.

After settling in Bethlehem, great-grandfather was employed in some stone work for the patroon, Mr. Van Rensselaer at the patroon's mansion. Mr. Van Rensselaer was in conversation with him at his work when a bell rang, calling the servants to dinner. Great-grandfather took no notice until Mr. Van Rensselaer told him that was the call to dinner for the servants. Great-grandfather replied, "I hae dined wie dukes and I hae dined wie lords and I'll no eat in your kitchen Stephen Van Rensselaer." Mr. Van Rensselaer apologized and invited him to the dining room of the mansion. This claim to the society of dukes and lords was based on his position as inn-keeper in the town of Cree. He had the true American spirit.

Hoping these records may help out in your history. I am,

Your loving aunt,

ANNA M. COFFIN



THE DESCENDANTS  
of  
JOHN AND ANN VAN ALLEN  
McHARG

Bringing up to date, in chronological order,  
the record of the descendants of my grand-  
father, John McHarg, of Bethlehem, N. Y.

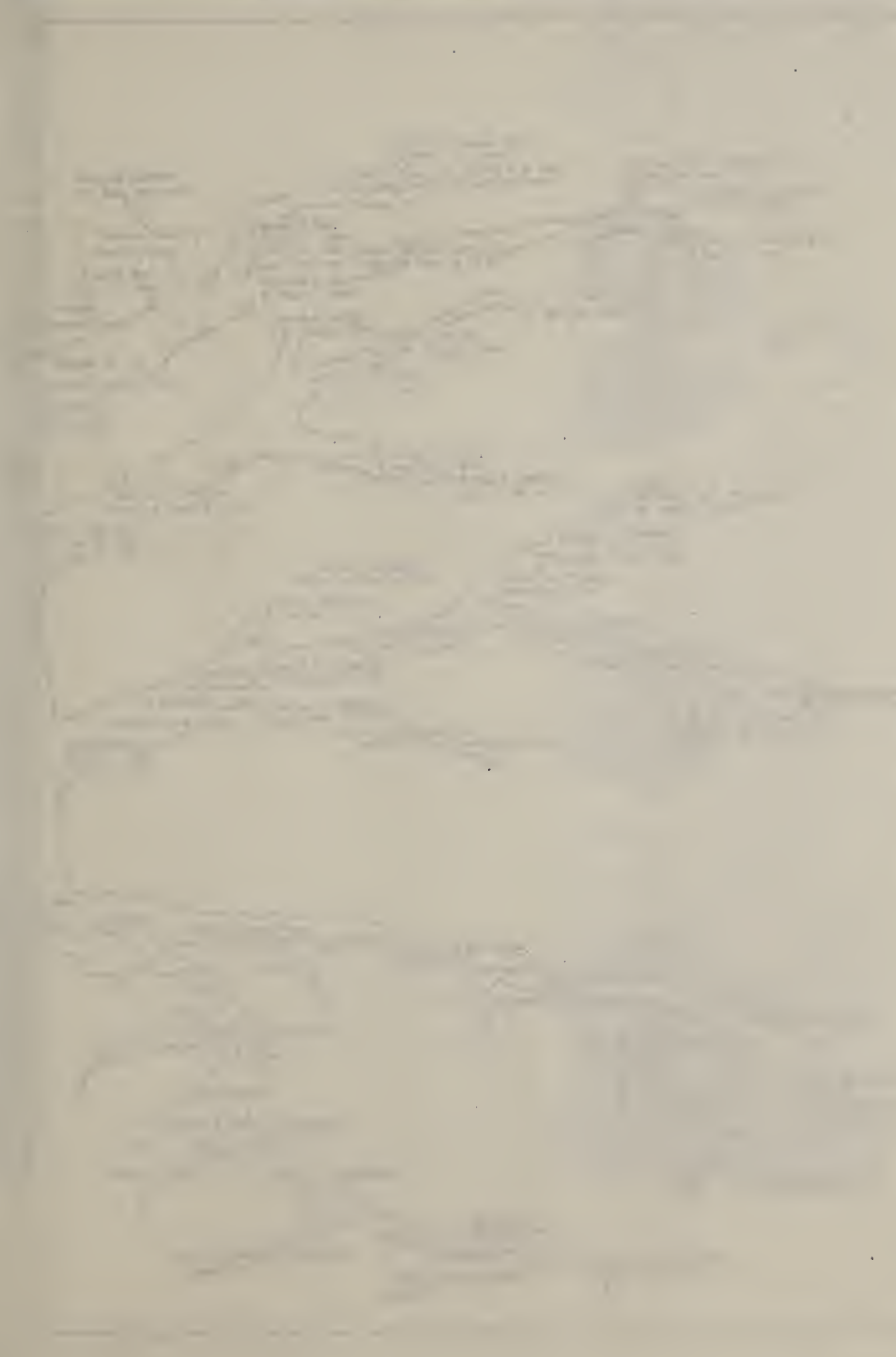
*Ernest J. McHarg.*



GARRETT VAN ALLEN MCHARG      ANNA MCHARG COFFIN      ALBERT MCHARG  
JOHN MCHARG, JR.      JOHN MCHARG, SR.      ANN VAN ALLEN MCHARG  
MARY MCHARG BELL      WILLIAM JAY MCHARG

Photo taken about 1870

FAMILY OF JOHN AND ANN VAN ALLEN MCHARG



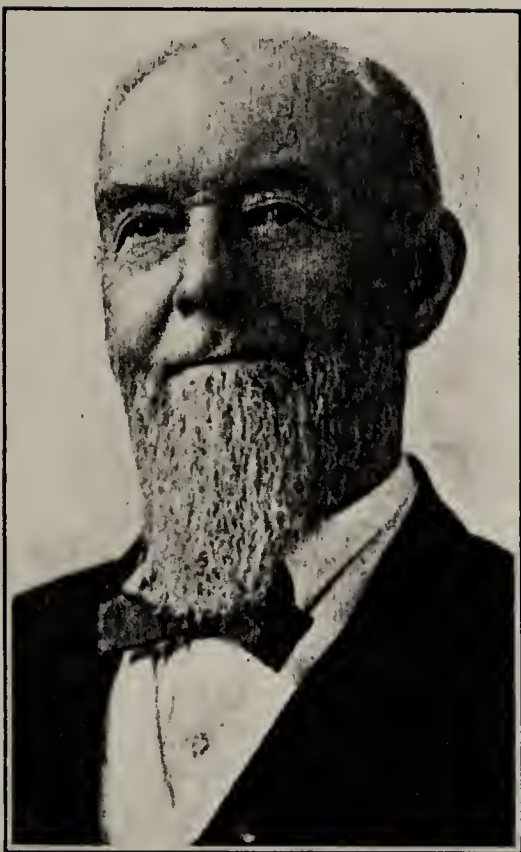












JOHN MCHARG, JR.

*From photos  
taken 1905*



ANN BENNETT MCHARG



## JOHN MCHARG, JR. AND FAMILY

JOHN JR., eldest son of John McHarg of Bethlehem, was born on the homestead in the town of Bethlehem, Albany County, May 11, 1835. He was reared on the farm where he learned by hard work the various duties and many qualifications which are necessary to make a successful farmer. He attended the district school at Bethlehem Center, one mile distant from his home. He walked to and from school each day and assisted his father with the chores on the farm nights and mornings. He taught the school at Bethlehem Center for a few weeks after completing his studies there. Among his scholars at this time were his two sisters and his brother, Garrett Van Allen McHarg. Later, he completed his schooling at the Boy's Academy, Albany, N. Y., after which he assisted in the work and management of the farm. During that time he built a tenant house on the farm.

On February 24, 1864, he married Ann Bennett, a graduate of State Normal School of Albany, and daughter of William Bennett of New Salem, N. Y. She was born November 19, 1840. They took charge of a model farm near Slingerlands for a Mr. Hendricks for about a year. In 1866 they moved to Schenevus, N. Y., where they conducted a general store with much success until 1882 when they moved to Canajoharie, N. Y. They conducted a dry goods and millinery store there for eleven months, returning to Schenevus in 1883. He was there appointed agent for the National Express Company, which position he retained until 1893. During that time they also kept a general store until 1886, when they exchanged their stock of goods with Albert Wade for a farm on South Hill about two miles from the village. In November, 1893, they moved to Binghamton, N. Y., and resided at 26 Arthur Street until the fall of 1901, when he built a fine residence at 128 Main Street. In partnership with Mr. Goodale, he conducted a retail coal business during 1894, after which he retired, Mr. Goodale purchasing his share of the business.

He was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church of Delmar (then called Adamsville) which he joined when a small boy and attended until moving to Schenevus, when he had his membership transferred to the Presbyterian Church of Worcester in 1866. In 1893 he had it again transferred to the West Presbyterian Church of Binghamton, N. Y. He was a firm believer in the Bible and a regular attendant at all church services. He was a member of the Board of Education of the Schenevus Union School and Academy, and secretary of the board for several years until moving to Binghamton. He died in Binghamton, December 22, 1907, and is buried in Floral Park Cemetery. His wife was also a member of the Dutch Reformed Church of Delmar, and had her membership also transferred to Worcester and later to Binghamton with that of her husband. She was a member of the John Lord Literary Society of Schenevus, also a member of the West Side Literary Society and of the Indian Association of Binghamton. She was an exceptionally fine housekeeper and with her good business ability was a wonderful help to her husband in all of his undertakings. She died in Binghamton, December 26, 1921, and is buried by the side of her husband in Floral Park.

They had three children. Abbie Collins, Ernest J., and Leslie.



## CHILDREN OF JOHN AND ANNA McHARG

ABBIE COLLINS McHarg was born on a farm in the town of Bethlehem, February 16, 1865. She attended the Schenevus Union School and Academy until she was sixteen years old. She assisted her mother in household duties and was very active in musical circles, had prominent parts in various entertainments and sang in the choir of the Schenevus M. E. Church for several years. She studied voice culture for three years at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. After which she had charge of the music in the public schools of Rutland, Brandon, and Proctor, Vermont. Later, in the schools of Schenevus, Cobleskill, Worcester and Walton. After moving to Binghamton she sang in various church choirs until about the year 1907.

On September 21, 1892 she married Lester H. Quackenbush, M.D., born January 11, 1862, a practicing physician of Schenevus and graduate of the Medical Department of the University of New York. They made their home in Schenevus until the fall of 1893, when they moved to Binghamton and resided at 26 Arthur Street until 1901, when they removed to their present home, 128 Main Street. They take great interest in public affairs. The doctor has represented his ward in the Common Council and is a member of several medical societies in Binghamton. Abbie is a member of the West Side Literary Society, the Indian Association, and the Civic Club. She has represented her clubs in several state conventions of women's clubs. She is a member of the West Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, in which she takes an active part. They have no children.

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ERNEST J. McHarg was born in Schenevus, N. Y., January 2, 1868. He attended the Schenevus Union School and Academy until graduating in the class of 1887. After about a year's schooling at the Boy's Academy in Albany he worked for his father, assisting in the store and also attending to the work of the National Express Company, until the family moved to Binghamton in 1893. There he was cashier for the National Express Company until 1904.

On February 1, 1899 he married Lucy Robinson Mitchell, born January 8, 1874, a daughter of Harmon and Mary Mitchell of Hooper, N. Y., and a teacher in the Binghamton Public Schools, a graduate of the Free School and Academy of Union, N. Y. They commenced housekeeping at 108 Prospect Street in the fall of the same year. In 1903 they built a home at No. 3 Crandall Street. In the fall of 1904 he entered the employ of W. H. Wilcox Co., securing agents for the sale of dress goods and selling concrete mixers manufactured by the Foote Co. As this work required his absence from home for days and weeks at a time, Lucy kept the home and attended to the various duties there as well as looking after the welfare of the children. In 1908 they established the firm of E. J. McHarg & Co., selling concrete mixers for the Foote Co., Inc. of Nunda, N. Y. In 1925, with their two daughters, Elizabeth and Anna, they spent two months in England and toured France, Belgium, Holland, and Scotland, visiting the towns from which their ancestors migrated to America. In the fall of 1925 they sold their home at No. 3 Crandall Street and purchased one at No. 31 Crestmont Road. They are all members of the Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church of Binghamton, N. Y.

They have two children, Elizabeth and Anna.

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ELIZABETH McHarg was born February 1, 1902 at No. 108 Prospect Street, Binghamton, and attended the public schools there until her graduation in 1920. She entered Smith College in the same year, graduating in June, 1924. She taught two



years—1924 and 1925—in Burnham School, Northampton, Mass., and the next year in Binghamton Central High School. On July 2, 1927 she married Edwin Trammel Holland, of Norfolk, Va, a graduate engineer of the University of Virginia. In the fall of the same year they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he has a position as district sales manager, handling the MultiFoote Paver in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. They have two children. Sallie Lu, born in Binghamton September 13, 1928, and Virginia Elizabeth, born in Cleveland September 21, 1931. Elizabeth is a member of the Smith College Club and the College Club of Cleveland, and still retains her membership in the Tabernacle M. E. Church of Binghamton. They attend the Epworth Methodist Church and Sunday School of Cleveland. They reside at No. 22231 Westchester Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, in the house which they built in the fall of 1930.

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ANNA McHarg was born at No. 3 Crandall Street, Binghamton, N. Y. on November 30, 1903, just two weeks after her parents moved into their new home. She attended the public schools in Binghamton, graduating from Binghamton Central High School in 1921. She entered Skidmore College in the fall of the same year, graduating in 1925. After spending the summer and fall with her parents, she married George Joseph Hambel of Brooklyn, N. Y., a salesman for H. S. Haight & Co., of New York, on February 13, 1926. They resided for a few months at No. 1729 Caton Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., and later at No. 31 Crestmont Road, Binghamton. In January 1928, they moved to Cleveland, where Mr. Hambel accepted a position as district sales manager for the sale of MultiFoote Pavers in Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky. In the summer of 1930 they built a house at No. 22526 Westchester Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio. They have one child, KATHRYN ANN, born at Binghamton, May 21, 1928. Anna is a member of the College Club of Cleveland and still retains her membership in Tabernacle M. E. Church, Binghamton. They all attend the Epworth Methodist Church and Sunday School, Cleveland.

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LESLIE McHarg was born at Schenevus, March 19, 1877. He attended the Schenevus Union School and Academy until the removal of the family to Binghamton. He there attended the Binghamton Central High School until he entered Cornell University in 1895. After completing his course there as a civil engineer, June 1899, he taught one year at Columbia University, New York City. After spending another year as an associate of a consulting engineer in New York, he entered the employ of R. H. Hood & Company, general contractors, in New York. Later, he established the firm of McHarg-Barton Co., conducting a general contracting business. This firm did considerable work on the Statue of Liberty and erected several piers and bridges both in New York and within a radius of two hundred miles from New York.

On December 4, 1913 he married Mildred Fairfield Lowry of New York. They began housekeeping that fall in New York City. Later they bought a home in Freeport, L. I. About 1926 they sold their Freeport home, purchasing their present place in Great Neck. In 1928 he bought out Mr. Barton and has since then conducted the business as the McHarg Company, Inc., at 1328 Broadway, New York. He is very ingenious and able to handle any kind of general contracting. He secured a patent on overhead dock doors which was very profitable to his firm. He has also considerable artistic ability as is shown by several water colors and drawings which still exist in the family. They live at 55 Arleigh Road, Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y. They have no children.



## GARRET VAN ALLEN McHARG AND FAMILY

GARRETT VAN ALLEN McHarg, second son of John and Ann Van Allen McHarg, was born December 2, 1838. Married Helen Kimmey Blessing, October 11, 1865. He died August 10, 1871. They had two children, Clara and Arthur Van Allen.

### CHILDREN OF GARRETT AND HELEN McHARG

CLARA McHarg was born May 13, 1867. She received her early education in Albany, where she attended the Albany High School. She spent the first twenty-five years of her life in her native city, later moving to New York City with her mother. On April 24, 1901 she married Frank A. Harlow of New York who had a fine position with H. B. Claflin Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, until his death. Since his death in 1918 she has made her home with her mother. She and her mother now live in Clinton Court, Locust Avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y.

ARTHUR VAN ALLEN McHarg was born June 6, 1870. He completed his education in the Troy Polytechnic School at Troy and spent the first twenty-five years of his life in his native city of Albany. He was very much interested in machinery of every kind. In his boyhood he constructed several quite intricate pieces, including a small locomotive about two feet long by eight inches in height. In 1900 he married Josephine Kingsland of the city of New York and took up his residence there. In 1901 he accepted a position with the New York Telephone Co. In 1905 he went with the New York Edison Company, which position he held until the death of vice-president Murray. For the past three years he has employed his artistic abilities, doing commercial advertising drawings, besides portraits and landscapes. His wife Josephine is very active in civic and club matters, having been Commissioner of Charities, president of the Equal Franchise League, member of Board of Zoning, and having held a number of offices in the Women's Club of the City of New Rochelle, N. Y., where they have made their home for nineteen years. They have two daughters, Helen K. and Katharine Van Allen.

HELEN K. McHarg born November 22, 1901. Spent her early life in New York and later with her parents in Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle. She married Glen Garrison of Virginia, March 26, 1927. They are living at No. 40 Horatio Street, New York. He does literary work and she does commercial art work at which she is very successful. They have no children.

KATHARINE VAN ALLEN McHarg was born November 14, 1911 and spent the first years of her life with her parents in New York, Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle. On June 21, 1930 she married Richard E. Tallman, son of a physician of Mt. Vernon. He is in the lumber business in New York City. They have no children.

## ALBERT McHARG AND FAMILY

ALBERT McHarg, third son of John and Ann McHarg of Bethlehem, N. Y., was born on the McHarg homestead in the town of Bethlehem, September 1, 1844. He spent his early life on the farm and attended the district school at Bethlehem Center, completing his studies at the Albany Boys' Academy. While there at school the first guns of the Civil War were sounded. His father was sent by the Government to Canada to purchase feed for the army horses; and Albert, at the age of seventeen, was left in charge of the homestead.



On April 16, 1872, he married Alice Louise Twitchell, daughter of Asa Weston Twitchell, portrait artist of Albany. She was organist of Adamsville (Delmar) Reformed Church at the time. They lived first at the homestead. Later, in 1874, he purchased from his father about 39 acres, on which stood the house built by his brother John, and lived there until 1880. Later he moved to Albany where he conducted a grain and feed business. His and his wife's daily expression in prayer was "Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord in all things." For thirty years he served as elder in the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Albany. "A wise counsellor, a loyal friend, beloved by all who knew him." It was fitting that God should call him at Sabbath morning service from the aisle of the church he loved so well. He died April 29, 1919. His wife Alice, died February 16, 1911.

They had four children: a son and three daughters, Bertha, Alice, and Grace. The eldest—a son—was born August 29, 1873 and died shortly thereafter.

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BERTHA McHarg was born on the McHarg homestead farm, August 19, 1874. After completing Albany High School, she was graduated from Clifton Springs Training School for Nurses. Later she was a post-graduate of Johns-Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. She organized the Oberlin Hospital, Oberlin, O., and served as its first Superintendent. In November 1917, she volunteered as a Red Cross nurse in the World War service, and was stationed at Base Hospital at Camp Devins, Mass., under Major Frothingham. The responsibility there proved too heavy for her endurance and left her permanently invalided.

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ALICE McHarg was born on her father's farm August 8, 1876. Following Albany High School, she studied with her grandfather, artist Twitchell, in his Albany studio, and later at the Art Students League, New York City where, in 1904, she was elected a member of the League. On December 15, 1920, she was married to Roelif Brinkerhoff Smith, secretary of New York State Committee, Y. M. C. A. He has since been connected as a banker with the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co., Albany. They are members of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Albany and reside at No. 1 Ten Eyck Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

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GRACE McHarg was born on her father's farm September 8, 1878. Following school in Albany, she was graduated from Albany Kindergarten Training School. The following year she opened the first kindergarten in Chinatown, New York City. She continued in various lines of Social Service work until December 25, 1907, when she was married to Floyd Tompkins Hayes. They lived in Milwaukee, Wis. Later they moved to Rochester, N. Y. Upon the death of her father, Albert McHarg, they returned to Albany and Mr. Hayes succeeded to the grain and feed business. On December 3, 1919 he died.

They had two sons; Albert McHarg Hayes and Francis Cole Hayes.

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ALBERT MCHARG Hayes was born in Milwaukee, Wis., December 14, 1909. He received his preliminary education at Tilton School, Tilton, N. H. He was graduated from Dartmouth College, a Phi Beta Kappa, a fellowship winner and valedictorian of his class, "Dartmouth 1930." Three years later, 1933, he received his Ph.D. from Princeton Graduate College, Princeton, N. J.

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FRANCIS COLE Hayes was born in Milwaukee, Wis., August 9, 1912. He received his preliminary education at Tilton School, Tilton, N. H. He is now a sophomore at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. He is fond of athletics, is manager of the football team.



After the death of her husband, Grace returned to Social Service work. For several years she was Social Service Director at the General Electric Women's Club, Schenectady, N. Y. Later she followed this work in Utica, N. Y., in Providence, R. I., and in Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. On January 16, 1932 she was married to Lee Powers Hynes of Philadelphia, Pa., where they now reside.

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## ANNA McHARG AND FAMILY

ANNA McHarg, eldest daughter of John and Ann McHarg, was born on the McHarg homestead June 6, 1846. She attended the district school and later attended the Girls' Academy at Albany, graduating in June 1863. She was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church of Adamsville, (Delmar) N. Y. and active in the services. She taught for one year in the district school at Bethlehem Center, N. Y.

After her marriage to William L. Coffin, February 28, 1872, they lived in Albany where he conducted a feed and grocery business with his brother-in-law at No. 168 South Pearl Street, as Bell & Coffin. They were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, in which she took a leading part in various activities of the Sabbath School and women's societies. She died at Hartford, Conn., May 4, 1929 and is buried by the side of her husband in Rural Cemetery, Albany, N. Y. They had four children: John, who died when a small child, Edwin Tristram, William Jay, and Helen.

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EDWIN TRISTAM Coffin was born in Albany, December 28, 1873, attended public school and also high school at Albany, and was first employed in the First National Bank there. He was a member of Company A, N.G.S.N.Y., and in 1898 enlisted in the Spanish-American War. He was sent to Hawaii where he remained for several months. His regiment raised the first American flag on the island. In 1910 he enlisted in the United States Army, was stationed at San Francisco and later sent with his regiment to Fort Liscom, Alaska, where he remained for one year. After returning to Albany, he was for several years secretary to the Chamber of Commerce. On August 4, 1909 he married Lillian L. Davis of Albany. They live at No. 45 Fifth Avenue, New York City and he is employed by Ward Wells & Dreshman as a campaign manager of philanthropic organization and finance.

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WILLIAM JAY Coffin, born in Albany, December 21, 1875, educated in the public schools of Albany, was graduated from Cornell University, class of 1898, in course of mechanical and electrical engineering, with degree of M.E. & E.E. He entered as apprentice the New York Central R. R. Shops at West Albany. After serving in various capacities from 1910 to 1914, he had charge of the testing of locomotives for the entire N. Y. C. R. R. system. About 1912 he was appointed Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Albany and served in this capacity until 1920. He was afterwards appointed Fleet Commander of the Eastern Division of the New York State Barge Canal. Later he was appointed an engineer in the State Highway department, which position he still holds. His work is in northeastern New York and he resides at No. 116 North Pine Avenue, Albany. On July 15, 1912 he married Selora E. Gaskill of Brooklyn, N. Y., a graduate of Cornell University. She died March 15, 1922. They had one child, Lois Lillian.

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LOIS LILLIAN Coffin, born November 28, 1913. After the death of her mother she resided with her mother's sisters in Brooklyn, N. Y., where she attended the



Packer Institute, and spent her vacations with her grandmother Coffin in Hartford, Conn. She completed her course in Packer Institute with honor. She is now a student at Cornell University in the class of 1935.

HELEN Coffin, born June 26, 1884 in Albany, where she attended the public schools, graduating from the Albany High School in 1902. She attended Cornell University, graduating in 1906. She took a two-years course at the New York State Library School and received the degree B.L.S. (Bachelor of Library Science). She was employed by the New York State Library until 1912 when she was called to the Connecticut State Library at Hartford as Legislative Reference Librarian, which position she still holds. In 1914 her mother joined her there. They later purchased a good home at No. 49 Torwood Street where Helen still resides.

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## MARY MCHARG AND FAMILY

MARY McHarg, youngest daughter of John and Ann Van Allen McHarg, was born on the McHarg homestead November 19, 1848. She spent her early life on the farm and attended the public school at Bethlehem Center. Later, she attended the Albany Female Academy. She was an accomplished pianist and sang in the choir of the Dutch Reformed Church at Adamsville, N. Y. where her people were active in all services.

On April 16, 1872 she married Horace S. Bell of the firm of Bell & Coffin, Albany, N. Y. They resided for twelve years at No. 37 Trinity Place, later at No. 8 Ash Grove Place until 1896 when they purchased a home at No. 8 South Pine Avenue. She died August 17, 1918 and is buried at the side of her husband in Rural Cemetery, Albany, N. Y. They were members of the Second Reformed Church, Albany.

They had three children: Jessie, Horace, and Mildred.

JESSIE E. Bell, eldest child, was born in Albany. She attended the public schools in Albany and studied music, becoming an excellent musician. She assisted her mother in the management of their home and developed wonderful skill in the art of home decoration and arrangement. In the fall of 1899 she married George Stanwix of Albany. They resided in Binghamton, N. Y. for a few years, where Dr. Stanwix practiced his profession of nose and throat specialist. One son was born to them in Binghamton, George Stanwix, on July 30, 1904. They moved from Binghamton to Brooklyn where they resided until about 1912. Some time later she married Eugene Bogart of New York. They live at No. 54 Riverside Drive. Mr. Bogart is in charge of considerable real estate. After the marriage of his mother to Mr. Bogart, George took the name of Bogart and has been brought up legally under that name.

GEORGE Bogart was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn and at the Boys' Academy at Albany, N. Y. He entered Williams College, graduating in 1926. He was employed for several years by R. H. Macy & Co. He is unmarried and resides with his parents in New York.

HORACE S. Bell Jr. was born in Albany, July 25, 1879. He was educated in the public schools. Later, he attended the State Normal School and also took a business course at the Albany Business College. He later conducted a brokerage business in Albany. He had first-class connections with some of the Albany banks. On February 22, 1911, he married Abbie Chapin of Albany. They resided in Slingerlands, N. Y., until Horace's death on March 15, 1924. They had two children, Carolin Chapin and Horace Seman.



CAROLYN CHAPIN was born April 10, 1913, and HORACE SEMAN was born July 20, 1917. After the death of Horace, Abbie and their children had a home in California until Abbie's death in November 1928. Since then Carolyn and Horace have lived with their mother's aunt, Mrs. Aurelia H. Aspinwall, whose husband is head of the Normal School in Worcester, Mass.

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MILDRED F. Bell was born in Albany December 11, 1886. She was educated in the public schools of the City of Albany, attended the State Normal School, and was graduated from the Albany Academy for Girls. She was active in her set in society, and an accomplished pianist. She is now president of the Alumni Association of the Albany Academy for Girls. On November 19, 1910 she married William Dearstyne of Albany, an employee of the Albany Hardware Company. They lived for several years on Lake Avenue until 1929, when they built a fine home at No. 15 Marion Avenue, where they now reside. Mr. Dearstyne has been promoted by his firm until he is now president of his company. He is a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy and a member and director of several clubs. They have three children: William Dyer, Anna Bell, and Marjorie.

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WILLIAM DYER Dearstyne, born July 30, 1912, is a graduate of the Albany Boys' Academy and spent one year in Harvard University. He is now employed by the Albany Hardware & Iron Co., and is a member of the University Club of Albany.

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ANNA BELL Dearstyne, born February 28, 1918, and MARJORIE (Cherry, as she has always been called) born January 11, 1920, are both attending the Albany Academy for Girls.

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Each of the children joined the First Presbyterian Church when about eleven years of age. The parents transferred their membership from the Second Reformed Church to the First Presbyterian Church two years ago when Marjorie joined.

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## WILLIAM JAY MCHARG

WILLIAM JAY McHarg, youngest child of John and Ann Van Allen McHarg was born on the homestead farm in Bethlehem April 26, 1856 and spent his early life on the farm as did his brothers. He attended the district school at Bethlehem Center and went two years at No. 8 School in Albany. After leaving the farm he accepted a position as bookkeeper for a large wholesale hardware house in New York. On July 4, 1878 he married Ada Sawyer of New York City. His health failing later he gave up his position and went to Colorado. He lived there on a ranch near Denver until his death January 29, 1883. His remains were brought east and buried in Rural Cemetery near Albany. He had no children. His wife survives him and has her home in Florida.













